Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives H-232, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan,

With so much at stake for the communities we represent and so much unfinished business before our chamber, we urge you to follow Senate Majority Leader McConnell's decision to remain in session during the August recess.

Most hardworking Americans don't get a month off, and neither should Members of Congress. Instead, we should be in Washington working overtime and focusing on priorities for families and communities, including:

- Passing remaining appropriations bills on time and under regular order;
- Passing an infrastructure bill that creates good-paying jobs, rebuilds our roads and bridges, and deploys quality broadband technology to rural communities;
- Stabilizing health care for families and businesses poised to face skyrocketing premiums;
 and
- Passing legislation to provide a permanent solution for DREAMers and their families and strengthen our borders.

With so many outstanding issues affecting our communities, we cannot afford a five week break. Cancelling the August recess will give us the time to draft, debate, and vote on bipartisan proposals to fund the government, pass an infrastructure bill, stabilize health care premiums, and provide stability to DREAMers.

With support for Congress at an all-time low, you have the opportunity to demonstrate to the American people that we can do the jobs we were sent here to do by working tirelessly together on these priorities – all of which have bipartisan support. Now more than ever, Congress must step up to the plate and work across the aisle on real, lasting solutions for the challenges our families are facing day-in and day-out. We don't need a recess, we need resolve to meet those challenges for our communities. Let's cancel August recess and get to work.

Sincerely,

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